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NEWS RELEASE

Gang Unit Charges Three for Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 3, 2016 @ 9:08 p.m.

Location: 2281 N. Zaragoza

Arrested 1: 60-year old Juan MARTINEZ, of El Paso, TX Arrested 2: 32-year old Thomas DECARLO of El Paso, TX Arrested 3: 45-year old James HEREDIA of El Paso, TX

EL PASO, TEXAS: The El Paso Police Department's Gang unit has arrested and charged three men as a result of a Wednesday, August 3rd incident at 2281 N. Zaragoza. Officers from the Pebble Hills Regional Command Center responded to 2281 N. Zaragoza reference a fight with weapons. Pebble Hills officers arrived and assisted the victim (29-year old Male) who was transported to Del Sol for treatment. The El Paso Police Department's Gang Unit was called to assist with the investigation. Gang Investigators investigation revealed that the victim(s) were members of a motorcycle club and were at the address when they were confronted by 60-year old Juan MARTINEZ, 32-year old Thomas DECARLO, 45-year old James HEREDIA who belong to a motorcycle gang. MARTINEZ, DECARLO, HEREDIA, and several others arrived and confronted the victim and another. The confrontation became physical and MARTINEZ, DECARLO, HEREDIA, and others were working together to assault the victim and another with clubs and bats. During the fight the assailants took the victims cell phone. The Gang Unit secured arrest warrants for E.I.O.C.A. Aggravated Robbery for MARTINEZ (Bond \$75,000.00), DECARLO (Bond \$75,000.00), and HEREDIA (Bond \$60,000.00). All three were booked into the El Paso County Jail. Gang Investigators recovered four guns, three bats, and one expandable baton during this investigation and identified MARTINEZ as the President, HEREDIA as the Sgt. At Arms, and DECARLO as the Secretary of the local Bandidos Motorcycle Gang.

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